

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9-24, without prejudice. The pending claims read as follows:

1. (Original) A hardenable flowable substance for application to a patch surface surrounded by an acoustic material having an irregular surface texture to form a layer of textured patch material on the patch surface, wherein the hardenable flowable substance is storable in a fluid-tight dispensing container and sprayable utilizing a propellant, the hardenable flowable substance comprising:

a liquid base;

a filler selected to form an extender or bodifier for the resulting patch material;

an adhesive binder selected to adhere the resulting patch material to the surface;

fibrous materials selected to give the resulting patch material an irregular surface;

an anti-foaming agent; and

a suspension agent,

wherein the hardenable flowable substance is initially stored in fluid state and is dispensable in the form of an aerosol spray from the fluid-tight container and, after being released and curing, forms a bumpy, irregular surface texture that matches and is compatible with the acoustic ceiling material surrounding the patch.

2. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a volatile organic compound (VOC) propellant.

3. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, wherein the fibrous materials are selected from the group consisting of polypropylene fibers, polyethylene fibers, plastic fibers, cotton fibers, natural fibers, and synthetic fibers.

4. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, wherein the fibrous materials do not decompose in the presence of volatile organic compound (VOC) propellants.

5. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, having the following composition by percentage weight:

the liquid base of 10-60%;

the filler of 15-70%;

the adhesive binder of 1-50%;

the propellant of 5-20%;

the fibrous materials of 2-40%;

the anti-foaming agent of 1-10%; and

the suspension agent of 1-20%.

6. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, having the following composition by percentage weight:

the liquid base of 26-40%;

the filler of 25-45%;

the adhesive binder of 1.5-3.5%;

the propellant of 10-15%;

the fibrous materials of 10-18%;

the anti-foaming agent of 1-5%; and

the suspension agent of 5-10%.

7. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, further comprising:
a fungicide.

8. (Original) The hardenable flowable substance according to claim 1, further comprising:
an anti-freeze.

9. – 24. (Cancelled).